

# Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery

## Cemetery Regulations

Approved by the DVPC Cemetery Committee, Board of Deacons, and the Session  
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1. The cemetery shall be used for no purpose other than as a burial place for the dead. The sole proprietor of the cemetery, and holder of title to all land constituting it, is and remains Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church. All words of these regulations which state or imply individual ownership of a cemetery plot shall be taken to mean nothing more than the right of said individual(s) and family members to be buried in that plot.
2. The proprietor shall make and enforce such rules as seem proper of the regulation of access to the cemetery and of the conduct of visitors, for the upkeep of the cemetery, and for the preservation of the sacredness of the area.
3. The Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery is not a public cemetery. The cemetery serves the Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church members and their families. Anyone wishing burial rights in the cemetery must submit a written application to the cemetery committee. The committee, with the approval of the Board of Deacons and the Session, shall reserve the right to refuse the sale of burial rights in any plot(s). A non-member who has close ties with the church family may make application for right of burial, subject to the approval of the cemetery committee, the Board of Deacons, and the Session of Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church.
4. A purchase may consist of a single grave space, an entire lot of eight grave spaces, or any portion of a lot; the price being \$600 per grave space for church members and \$1500 for non-members. At the time of purchase, the cemetery committee shall see that the plot is properly marked to correspond with its entry in the cemetery records.
5. Ownership of right of burial in a plot shall not be transferred for the purpose of monetary gain nor without written application to and consent of the cemetery committee.
6. Failure to pay any prescribed annual upkeep which may be assessed for a plot shall result in denial of the right of further burial within that plot until such upkeep is paid in full or until satisfactory arrangements are made with the cemetery committee.
7. **A member of the cemetery committee, or someone designated by them, shall be present whenever a grave is staked out prior to opening.** No grave shall be located less than six inches from the boundary of the lot in which it is placed. Every casket grave shall be provided with a vault or grave lining of concrete, metal or durable material, the top of which after burial rests at least eighteen inches below ground level. The top of every vessel containing cremated remains interred rests at least 12 inches below ground level. Each plot shall contain a) one casket, b) one casket and up to 2 cremated remains or c) a maximum of 4 cremated remains.
8. Headstone monuments and grave markers shall be of durable stone or, in the case of ground level markers, of durable metal. Monuments must be set on a concrete base at a proper depth to prevent settling and tilting of the monument. All other markers must be maintained at ground level and sufficient construction to allow passage of mechanical

mowing equipment over them. Draper's Valley Presbyterian Church nor the Cemetery Committee will be held liable for any damage to monuments or markers. **A member of the Cemetery Committee, or someone designated by them, shall be present whenever a monument or marker is set into position.** Improperly placed monuments or markers will be relocated at the monument owner's expense.

9. In order to facilitate upkeep of the Cemetery, any natural flowers or ornaments placed on a grave will be removed when they start to degrade.
10. No hedge, vine, tree, exotic grass or other adornments such as lights, plaques, etc. shall be planted or placed on any plot, nor any already there be removed, except by the cemetery committee. No wooden enclosures, wire arbors, or signs of any kind shall be placed on a plot, nor shall any living plant, flower or decorations be used **which in any way interfere with the mowing of the grass and the upkeep of the cemetery.** Any decorations deemed by the cemetery committee to be in violation of the regulations will be removed and discarded without notice to the owner. The cemetery committee assumes no liability to owners for removing and discarding these items. No plot shall be graded in violation of the grade lines fixed by the cemetery proprietor.
11. In order to ensure compliance with existing laws, no body buried in the Cemetery shall be removed without a written permit from the proprietor. Application for the permit shall state the reason for removal, name of the deceased (if known), date and place of birth (if known), cause of death (if known and required by law), and place of death. Any and all additional laws and regulations must be followed.
12. The Board of Deacons shall appoint the cemetery committee. The committee shall consist of one deacon who shall be chairman of the cemetery committee, and at least three other members of the church. The Board of Deacons should review committee appointments on an annual basis; appointments may be renewed.
13. Each year the cemetery committee shall appoint one member of the Church as cemetery manager serving under the direction of the committee.
14. The cemetery manager shall:
  - a. Administer the cemetery fund.
  - b. See that the cemetery books are neat, correct, and up to date; a permanent record being kept by the chair of the committee, and a duplicate record being kept in a different house by some other member of the committee.
  - c. Keep the cemetery in good order, with grass neatly cut, and withered flowers removed from recent interments, being authorized to hire caretakers to accomplish these ends.
15. Each year at the end of January, the cemetery books shall be presented to the cemetery committee, the Board of Deacons, and the Session for inspection and approval.
16. The cemetery committee shall be under the direction of the Board of Deacons, and subject to the Session of the church.
17. These Regulations supersede any and all previously enacted cemetery regulations.